

U. S. Post Office
Highway 85
Grassy Butte
McKenzie County
North Dakota

HABS No. ND-19

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE North Dakota	COUNTY McKenzie	TOWN OR VICINITY Grassy Butte
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) U. S. Post Office		HABS NO. ND-19
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Highway 85		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1914	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Tom and Jim Maruchek, builders	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built by pioneer settlers in the small community of Grassy Butte. Logs hauled by John Hoffman and others, laid by John Maruchek, plastered by Carl Jagol, who learned his trade in Russia. First postmasters were Don McKenzie and his wife until 1947, and then their daughter until 1963.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Cedar logs plastered over with a mixture of gumbo, straw, cement, and water.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One story, 19' x 31'-6"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Original roof: two 10"-round cottonwood logs are supported by two cross rafters. Roofing was 3"-round or 3" deep split logs running from two parallel ridge poles, with a layer of building paper, hay, and clay, topped with scoria.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1968: Roof rebuilt. Two new ridge logs covered with tin roofing which is covered by dirt and topped by scoria. New concrete floor, extending 3' on three sides of the building.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Inventory forms by Charles S. Pope, HABS, September, 1961; and Raymond Fleck, President, Grassy Butte Chapter of McKenzie County Museum and Historical Society, ca. 1968.		
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